



# House Select Committee on Homeland Security Democrats

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## Turner and Democrats Return to Washington: The Wind is at our Backs

*Congressman Jim Turner, Ranking Member of the Select Committee on Homeland Security, issued the following statement regarding the Congress' implementation of the findings of the 9-11 Commission:*

“As our Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi said this morning to our caucus, the Congress needs to return to Washington on August 10<sup>th</sup> to do the job of securing this country. Our terrorist enemies will not wait and neither can we.

We should join together in a bipartisan effort to move forward now. With the recommendations of the 9-11 commission, the wind is at our backs. We must not lose this opportunity.

Democrats are prepared to return August 10<sup>th</sup> to begin the task of implementing the 9-11 Commission findings, building on the work we've done for the past several months.

The 9-11 report gives the Congress the momentum and the urgency to enact the reforms that are set forth in the legislation Democrats filed months ago on intelligence and homeland security. These proposals deserve a full hearing. The 9-11 report validates in a bipartisan way the need for closing the security gaps that still remain almost three years after 9-11.

The cost of securing America is great, but the cost of failing to secure America is even greater.”

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